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SUBJECT: PRINCE FAHD'S REPLY TO PRESIDENT FORD'S LETTER OF MARCH 25

1. EMBASSY HAS RECEIVED LETTER FROM PRINCE FAHD DATED MARCH 28, 1975, IN RESPONSE TO PRESIDENT FORD'S LETTER OF MARCH 25. ORIGINAL BEING POUCHED ATTENTION MR. DICKMAN, NEA/ARP; EMBASSY TRANSLATION FOLLOWS:

" IN THE NAME OF GOD THE MERCIFUL THE COMPASSIONATE

HIS EXCELLENCY PRESIDENT GERALD FORD

PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

YOUR EXCELLENCY:

I RECEIVED YOUR LETTER DATED MARCH 25, 1975, WHICH HIS EXCELLENCY VICE PRESIDENT NELSON ROCKEFELLER BROUGHT TO ME; I MOST SINCERELY THANK YOU EXCELLENCY FOR YOUR NOBLE SENTIMENTS AND ELOQUENT CONDOLENCES (AT THE DEATH OF) OUR MOST PRECIOUS, LATE KING FAISAL BIN ABD AL AZIZ.

YOUR EXCELLENCY THE PRESIDENT:

DESPITE THE SCHOCK OF THE TRAGEDY, AND THE PAIN OF THE CATASTROPHE WHICH HAS BEFALLEN US, WE HERE AFFIRM TO YOUR EXCELLENCY WE SHALL CONTINUE ALONG THE COURSE WHICH HIS MAJESTY THE LATE KING FAISAL TRACED FOR US; WE SHALL FOLLOW IN HIS STEPS FOR THE SAKE OF THE DEFENSE OF RIGHT,

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AND JUSTICE, AND WORLD PEACE. WE SHALL NEVER FLAG FROM

DOING ALL THAT IS IN OUR POWER FOR THE SAKE OF PRESERVING
THE RELATIONSHIPS OF FRIENDSHIP AND COOPERATION WHICH
PREVAIL BETWEEN OUR TWO PEOPLES AND OUR TWO NATIONS.

THESE EFFORTS SHALL BE A FIRM UNBROKEN LINK WITH THOSE
WHICH HIS MAJESTY THE LATE KING FAISAL EXERTED; LIKEWISE
I WISH TO ASSURE YOUR EXCELLENCY THAT WE SHALL CONTINUE
TO CONSULT AND EXCHANGE CONSTRUCTIVE POINTS OF VIEW
WHICH WILL BE OF BENEFIT NOT ONLY TO OUR TWO COUNTRIES
AND OUR TWO PEOPLES, BUT TO THE ENTIRE WORLD.

YOUR EXCELLENCY:

HIS EXCELLENCY THE VICE PRESIDENT INFORMED ME OF YOUR RENEWED
RESOLVE TO CONTINUE TO WORK TO BRING ABOUT A JUST
SOLUTION AND A PERMANENT PEACE IN THE REGION OF THE
MIDDLE EAST. I AM COMPLETELY CERTAIN THAT THE SINCERE
EFFORTS OF THE UNITED STATES IN THIS FIELD SHALL REALIZE--
GOD WILLING--A PERMANENT PEACE BASED UPON JUSTICE IN
THE MIDDLE EAST AND THE RESTORATION OF THE OCCUPIED
TERRITORIES AND THE DESPOILED RIGHTS TO THEIR ARAB OWNERS,
AND THE RETURN OF THE PALESTINIAN PEOPLE TO ITS
FATHERLAND, AND GRANTING THEM THE RIGHT OF SELF-DETERMINATION.

I HOPE THAT WE SHALL CONTINUE TO WORK TOGETHER TO REALIZE
PEACE AND (OUR) COMMON GOALS, AND WISH FOR YOUR
EXCELLENCY ABUNDANT HEALTH, LASTING HAPPINESS, AND
FURTHER PROGRESS AND PROSPERITY FOR THE FRIENDLY AMERICAN
PEOPLE.

MAY GOD PRESERVE YOU.

SINCERELY FAHD (TRANSLATOR'S NOTE: LAST TWO WORDS WRITTEN
IN PEN)

FAHD BIN ABD AL AZIZ AL SAUD

RIYADH 16 RABI' AL-AWAL 1395 A.H.
CORRESPONDING TO 28 MARCH 1975 A.D."

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